

DAVIE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 26, 2002
6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Board members present were Chair Julie Aitken, Vice-Chair Jason Hurley, Jacquie Daniels, Barbara Spiece and Hilda Testa (arrived 6:35 p.m.). Also present was Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 26, 2002

Ms. Spiece made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Hurley, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2002, with corrections. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Davie Farmers Guide

Chair Aitken advised that the farmer's guide would be a handbook listing of the Town's laws in one convenient text. She indicated that the segment regarding State law had not been completed; however, she believed it would be done by the next meeting. Chair Aitken suggested that the Board first work on the foreword and then decide on the order. She commented that this guide was to be beneficial for established farmers as well as newcomers. There was a lengthy discussion regarding changes and additions to the present draft with various points being made, analyzed, and noted. The Board resolved such issues as the placement of "definition, administrative determination and criteria for farm claims." It also agreed to Councilmember Paul's suggestion of the subtitle "Are You A Farm, How To Determine If You Are a Farm." Discussion continued regarding the definition of a farm and the Town's definition of what was considered a farm. Chair Aitken explained that without the agricultural classification, in order to erect a barn without a permit, you would have to apply for an administrative determination. The following additional order was determined by the Board.

- Animals
- Nuisances
- Signs
- Licensing

Ms. Testa asked for clarification of items listed under Agricultural Classification; to which Chair Aitken responded. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding changes that should be made to the "Agricultural Classification" portion of the guide.

Chair Aitken reiterated that the goal was to have the guide include the State law draft for the next Board meeting. She added that the ultimate objective was to recommend to Council to have this as an official Davie resource accessible from the Town's website.

The Board briefly discussed items for the next agenda.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Aitken advised that the legislature had made a few amendments that were favorable. She added that the petition hearing process would become easier and would be a matter of law. Chair Aitken commented that the Property Appraiser would be responsible for returning any

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evidence to the petitioner, such as a summary of testimony or a list of witnesses, anything that would enable the petition hearing process. She added that the amendment was supported by the County and advised that the horse farm amendment did not pass. Ms. Testa asked that since the horse farm amendment did not pass, if people with horse boarding operations were still applying and receiving agricultural exemptions. Chair Aitken responded in the affirmative and added that this exemption interpretation was determined by the County and not the Property Appraiser's Office. She added that the further determination of this law would be decided in court as the Property Appraiser's Office had a lawsuit pending against the Value Adjustment Board.

The Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) was discussed. Ms. Testa indicated that through the South Florida Trail Riders, she was responsible for compiling a list of names to be forwarded to a representative at the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection. She explained that the representative would forward information regarding the Purchase of Development Rights to those individuals on this list. Ms. Testa advised that although she had sent e-mails to everyone on the list, she had not received a response. Chair Aitken expressed the opinion that this could be the result of a lack of understanding as to the meaning of the PDR. She suggested that Ms. Testa contact Fred Segal at the Broward Farm Bureau who would be able to provide her with a list of names of farmers in the Town.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Testa made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Hurley, to adjourn. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Board Member

